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Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.10 and §1.53, applicant respectfully requests that this application be assigned an application number and a filing date of April 8, 2004, the date upon which the application was mailed to the Patent and Trademark Office by Express Mail.

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Applicant hereby claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 (a)-(d) on the basis of German Patent Application No. 103 16 244.5, filed April 9, 2003.

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